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PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

by George W. Hill

George Hill, son of an early Texas family, is county superintendent of Austin County. He has been instrumental in the presentation of pageants and celebrations at San Felipe that have attracted the attention of many Texas historians. His paramount interest in the education of youth, has found expression in his many historical and educational activities. For several years he has been interested in library service for Austin County and despite a recent attack of yellow jaundice has found time to write the following comment.

One of the main outcomes of a public school education should be a love for good literature and a desire to pursue good literature. The school can introduce the child and take him along the literature road for some distance but the real test of success of the school in this respect is whether or not he continues to seek and read good books after he finishes school.

Where public library facilities of the first class exist there is an open opportunity for all to continue to have the pleasure and growth that comes with good books. If such facilities do not exist we have caused him to thirst and then have sent him out to a desert. Public libraries of the first class should be as free and accessible to all people as the public schools.

Austin County does not have a public library but the schools of Austin County have a library which renders some service to the general public in addition to the schools. Adult shelves are maintained on the school bookmobile but the main purpose is to serve the school children of Austin County.

The bookmobile, the county school library and the audio-visual library are owned by and serve every school, rural and independent, in the county. All districts pool their resources on a proportionate basis to make this service possible. $2,500 was raised by public subscription to aid in the purchase and operation of the vehicle.

The coordinator of instructional aids under the administration of the county superintendent heads up this program. Six-thousand volumes, 600 filmstrips and slide sets, 300 motion picture films and 500 phonograph records make up the library. Each school has a collection of books of its own and books from the bookmobile supplement the local school libraries.

A movement is on foot to obtain public support for this library. In this instance the growth of the public library has been from the schools to the public instead of from the public to the schools. When such a library has been accomplished it might be said that the little children have led them.

LIBRARIES OVER THE STATE

The children had their last fling in the old Dallas Public Library on November 21st. Hundreds of children had a costumed parade to celebrate National Book Week, led by Siddie Joe Johnson, Children's Librarian. The building is to be demolished to make way for the new one.

Arless B. Nixon, Director of the Mobile Public Library, will assume his new duties as Librarian at Fort Worth Public Library about January 1st. Mr. Nixon, a native Texan, has served as Librarian at the Kilgore Public, and as School Librarian at Leverett's Chapel. He was president of Texas Library Association in 1948-49.

Mrs. Lucille Carroll resigned October 29th, as Midland County Librarian. She had held the post since 1945. Miss Leona Meissner, a native of Midland County, who has been connected with the Midland County Library since 1944, was named as Acting County Librarian. Miss Meissner is among a list of applicants being considered for the permanent appointment. She started working in the Midland County Library in 1944 while attending Midland High School. After graduating from McMurray College she received her degree in Library Science from Louisiana State University.

Dr. Neils C. Neilsen, professor at Rice Institute addressed a group at Bellaire Community Building on November 16th. He showed movies he had taken during a recent trip to India. The talk was sponsored by Friends of the Bellaire Library as part of the campaign to raise $2,900 for furnishing the new addition to the library.

An art exhibit of dolls and drawings representing characters from Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" was on display recently at the El Paso Public Library. The characters were made by the senior class of Lydia Patterson Institute. Miss May Barton, English literature teacher at the school, said the costumes and drawings were based on illustrations in the library's picture file.

The Community Library at Jacksboro is undergoing a remodeling program. Both the Senior and Junior Library Clubs have secured a building permit for extensive remodeling program. Composition siding will be placed on the building and the entire inside will be re-done.

National Book Week was observed by various kinds of programs in the following libraries: Kemp Public Library and Libby Fair Holland Branch Library in Wichita Falls, Denison Public Library, Austin Public Library, Texarkana Public Library, Houston Public Library, Amarillo Public Library, Floyd County Library, San Benito Library, Paris Public Library, Burnet County Library, Cooke County Library, Cleburne Carnegie Library, and Sims Library in Waxahachie.

The Gates Memorial Library in Port Arthur is sponsoring a new Great Books discussion group. The group, which will meet once a month, will take up the study of today's problems through the reading and discussion of those books which have left a permanent influence on Western civilization.

The Laura McKenzie Memorial room for children at the Belton Carnegie Library has been completed. The room is furnished on a scale for small children, with a low reading table and child-size chairs. Low book shelves, holding their special reading material, and the chairs are painted a soft, restful pink to match the wood valances over the high windows. Drapes are of a blue-gray background, printed with dark blue boats with pink sails.

The Val Verde County Library has moved to its new location in the old Presbyterian Church building at the corner of Spring and Washington Streets. All 10,000 volumes are now located in the new building.

Rosenberg Library in Galveston recently featured an exhibit of books and other historic material on the theme of the American heritage. A display in the second floor exhibit lobby of the library included maps showing national progress from the colonies to the present, with books of history, adventure ane exploration correlated with maps.

More than $500 was collected for new books at the recent rummage sale held for the benefit of the Henrietta Public Library. It is the desire of the Board to acquire enough books to expand service to all of Clay County.

T. H. Williams, Jr., Austin merchant, was re-elected president of Friends of the Austin Public Library at that group's first annual meeting November 19th, at the Austin Public Library. Also re-elected for another year were Mrs. Thomas A. Caldwell, vice president; Mrs. Ervin J. Prouse, secretary; and Mrs. Elizabeth Alley, treasurer.

Miss Corinne Hutton, Librarian of the Yoakum Public Library, held open house November 14th as a means of publicizing the library's services and materials, as well as its needs. The arrangements were under the direction of Mrs. H. H. Brown, Jr., chairman, and Mrs. H. T. Buehring, secretary of the Library Board.

The cornerstone of the Lubbock Public Library was laid November 12. The library, to be completed soon, is the outgrowth of a library project which began about 12 years ago in Lubbock. Lynn Andrews, acting city manager presided for the ceremony. Invocation was given by the Reverend Tom B. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. G. H. Sandy is librarian.

Diez Infante has been named general chairman of the committee to work toward establishment of a Spanish language library at Del Mar College. The

college has offered one or two rooms in the library building for a Spanish language collection.

The Smiley Public Library held its annual Art Exhibit November 6-7. The exhibit featured local antiques and objects, and also included library materials on local history.

Construction work on a $60,000 public library financed by the city of Grand Prairie is under way on a site west of the city hall on U. S. Highway 80. Mrs. Glenna Lowe is librarian.

Mrs. H. A. Bluhm, Librarian of Gonzales Public Library, reports that Book Week was observed with a Children's Book Fair. Texana for children was featured in the exhibit. The library also sold many books which had been donated to it for that purpose.

Miss Margaret Monroe of the headquarters staff of the American Library Association visited the Floyd County Library November 18th. Miss Monroe was in Texas for a week in the interest of the American Heritage program.

The Greenville Chamber of Commerce acquired the Carnegie Library building and property at the corner of stonewall and Crockett streets with a bid of $10,000. Possession of the building will be given the new owners when the new library building on West Lee Street is completed and the library facilities moved.

A memorial book shelf for the new Sweetwater City-County Library has been established by the library committee of the Woman's Forum, it has been announced by Mrs. Ben McCorkle, Chairman.

A scroll commemorating its fiftieth anniversary has been given to the San Antonio Public Library by Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Toepperwein, authors and printers of children's books. They also gave the library special pamphlets from the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

The Dallas Public Library is making a survey of the Dunbar Branch for Negroes to determine why there has been so little increase in circulation. In 1923 when the Negro population was 40,000 the circulation was 1,200 books per month; today serving a population of 80,000, the branch issues something less than 1,500 books. A committee has been formed to combat this lack of interest.

Ector County Library extended National Book Week for an additional week so that some 2,000 students and teachers could visit the library. After visiting the Children's Department, they went all through the library learning about each department and its uses. They heard stories, new and old, told by Miss Selma Henry, children's librarian and viewed films on subjects that were both entertaining and instructive.

Miss Alice Green, Librarian, represented the Amarillo Public Library at the Adult Education Conference held at Amarillo College November 14th. The theme for the all-day meeting was "Education for a New Age." The meeting was open to the public with community leaders, librarians and teachers from the High Plains area especially invited.

Sales were brisk and the Public Library gallery crowded when Fort Worth Art Association's second annual Christmas gift show by Texas designer-craftsmen opened December 1st. Visitors had more than 1,000 items to choose from, with paintings and drawings augmenting the display of ceramic pieces, jewelry, enamels, small sculpture, and textiles.

In observance of Book Week, Mrs. D. F. Weeks was guest speaker for both the Story Parade of the Air and for the story hour at the Bryan Carnegie Library. Mrs. Weeks discussed books from cave writing to the present day. On display at the library were clay and wax tablets, scrolls of Phoenician alphabet, block books, and movable type, and an illuminated page. There was also included books of Egyptian hieroglphics, and books in the Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, French and German languages.

The Tom Green County Library Board has $2,806.63 to spend for books or added service which was given by the Friends of the Library. The Friends recently voted to disband and give the balance of funds to the library board for administration. Miss Flora Reeves, Librarian, has told the board it would take $2,000 to bring the reference library up to date.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES NOTES

FRIENDS HOLD OPEN HOUSE IN BEAUMONT

(Reprinted from Beaumont Enterprise, November 17)

"A Friends of the Libraries open house honoring Beaumont writers was attended by more than 200 persons last night in the drive-in library and youth center at Central Park.

"The open house was designed to afford the public an opportunity to become acquainted with local authors and to stimulate interest in library services.

"Flowers were presented to the writers by Miss Claire Andrews, assistant librarian at the Central Park library, at the beginning of the reception which continued from 7:45 until 10 o'clock.

"Works of the writers were presented in a display arranged by Miss Julia Plummer, librarian at Lamar College of Technology.

"Honored guests included Thomas J. Gibson, Texas State Librarian, and Seymour V. Connor, State Archivist.

"Among the writers honored were Mrs. Joyce Tillery Simpson, Jimmy Clark of Houston, Mrs. Viola Corley, Joe Vincent, Miss Callie Mae Coe, Mrs. V. E. Karnes, Mrs. Eleanor Weinbaum, Mrs. R. S. Nixson, Mrs. Claire Hodges, Mrs. Charles Wright, Joe Combs, Mrs. E. C. Davis, Mrs. Marie Lloyd of Port Neches, Mrs. Lipscomb Norvell, Mrs. Bill Scurlock and Mrs. A. L. Morgan, widow of the late author, A. L. Morgan.

"Music for the open house was under the direction of Mrs. Lena Milam. Floral decorations were provided by Milady Garden Club and refreshments by the Beaumont chapter of the American Association of University Women.

"Assisting in making the arrangements in addition to officers of the association were Mrs. Blanche Lea, Central Park librarian, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. David Piland, Jefferson County librarian, and Mrs. Ruth Sales.

"W. W. Ward, a member of the Friends of the Libraries advisory board, was general arrangements chairman. Other officers are Dr. David Worth Roberts, president; Mrs. E. W. Gross, vice-president; Mrs. J. S. Powell, secretary; Miss Clarine Branom, treasurer; and Mrs. J. B. Morris and Mrs. Victor King, members of the advisory board."

Beaumont's new Central Park Drive-In Library
Mrs. Blanche Lea, Librarian

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY REGISTRATION BY OCCUPATION, OCTOBER 1953.

594 patrons registered for new library cards at the main Branch of the Austin Public Library during the month of October, 1953.

These 594 patrons fell under the following categories:

Children (thirteen years of age or younger)	62
Students (fourteen years of age or older)	171
Men	122
Women	239

Occupations are listed as follows for the men and women who registered during the month of October, 1953.

Men:

Professional:	
Architect	1
Ass't City Manager	1
Author	1
Banker	2
Counselor - Jr. High	1
Editor	1
Engineer	7
Lawyer	2
Minister	1
Research Scientist	2
Teacher	7
Technician	3
Skilled Labor:	
Body Works Employee	1
Brick Layer	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	3
Furniture Mfg. Employee	1
Mechanic	2
Mill Foreman	1
Painting Contractor	1
Plasterer	1
Plumber	1
Sign Painter	1
Telephone Serviceman	1
Television Technician	2
Unskilled Labor:	
Laborer	2
Service Station Employee	1
Truck Driver	1
Small Business:	
Cafeteria Owner	2
Chemical Plant Mgr.	1
Dairy Owner	1
Furn. Store Owner	1
Grocery Owner	1
Invest. Co. Owner	1
Invest. Co. Mgr.	1
Magazine Cir. Mgr.	1
Publisher	1
Service Station Owner	1
White Collar:	
Accountant	1
Analyst	2
Auditor	2
Claims Examiner	1
Clerk	7
Consultant	1
Deputy Sheriff	1
Dir. of Ind. & Voc. Ed.	1
Insurance	3
Letter Carrier	1
Photographer	3
Radio Announcer	1
Salesman	5
State Gov. Employee	3
Supervisor School for Deaf	1
Tabulating Manager	1
Miscellaneous:	
Armed Forces	23
Farmers	2
Retired	2

Women:

Housewives	138
Employed Women	101

Professional:	
Artist	1
Author	1
Home Economist	1
Librarian	1
Medical Technician	1
Physician	1
Piano Teacher	2
Psycho-therapist	1
Rehabilitation Dir.	1
Teacher	21
Small Business:	
Dun & Bradstreet, Mgr.	1
Cleaning Est. Owner	1
Hatchery Owner	1
Skilled Labor:	
Key-Punch Operator	1
Micro-Film Operator	1
Telephone Operator	4

White Collar:	
Advertising Manager	1
Bookkeeper	4
Cashier	2
Ceramic Supply	1
Chief Minute Clerk	1
Clerk-Typist	1
Estate Manager	1
Federal Employee	1
Hostess	1
Insurance	1
Nurse	4
Receptionist	2
Saleslady	3
Sec'y-Stenographer	24
Social Worker	1
Staff - Y M C A	1
Ticket Agent - Airway	1
Unskilled Labor:	
Waitress	2

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ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

The Division of Archives and State and Local History of the Texas Library Association held its Third Annual Workshop November 20 and 21 in the Lounge of the Texas History Center at the University of Texas.

Principal speakers were Dr. Joe Frantz, who spoke on Business Records in County Archives, Mr. O. T. Martin, whose subject was Historical Records in the County and Districts Clerks' Offices, and the Timmerman Sisters of Geronimo, Texas, who presented a paper on their annual Christmas celebration, A Christmas Project in Local History. The paper will appear in the December issue of the Texas Library Journal. The sisters, whose story was printed last summer in Life magazine, are farmerettes, managing and operating their family farm in Guadalupe County.

The second days session consisted of Open House from 8 to 11 A. M. in the Texas State Library's State Archives and the Barker History Center, followed by a Critique and Evaluation at 11 A. M. at the center.

TEXAS HISTORY
(Prepared by Archives Division)

George Fisher, one of the most interesting early Texans, was also one of the earliest friends of the State Library. Born in Hungary, educated in Europe, he was a refugee from the Servian Revolution to America, settled in Mississippi in 1819, and went to Mexico in 1825 where he was active in Masonic affairs. Becoming a naturalized Mexican citizen in 1829, he was appointed collector of customs at Galveston, and when that post was suspended, he served for a short time as secretary of the ayuntamiento of San Felipe. In 1831 he established the controversial customs house at Anahuac, fled to Matamoros in 1832, moved to New Orleans in 1835, and to Houston in 1837. He was a justice of the peace, a city councilman, president of the German Union, and a major in the Texas militia.

He went to Panama in 1850 and visited California in 1851. From 1860 to 1870 he held various civic offices in San Francisco where he was the Greek consul from 1870 to his death on June 11, 1973.

He was a controversial figure in Texas history but withal an interesting one. The Archives Division is especially anxious to authenticate the picture of George Fisher here reproduced, to identify the uniform he is wearing, and to locate the original of the picture. This copy was donated to the Archives by Mr. L. E. Malette, Greenwood, Mississippi.

Below is presented a portion of the text of a letter by which Fisher donated some of his personal papers to the State Library in 1856:

Hon. Edward Clark
Secretary of State of Texas
Austin

Houston, Oct. 21st 1856

Sir.

Accompanied herewith please receive the following papers - viz:

. . . . . .

I have preserved these papers in my possession as my private property; but as they may be of essential service, to the future historian of our Country's Revolution as authentic data; I deem it expedient to relinquish them to the State to be placed either in the State Department or into the State Library, as it may seem most proper according to their Contents; and the sources from whence eminated, and the Characters to whom addressed.

No Historian of our Country's Revolutionary War ever had access to theese(sic) papers, hence the true source of our grievances against the Mexican Government for redress, has never been properly and at large described. But the 5 herewith accompanying Spanish Documents are the Key to the same; and the 3 Letters of the late Col. S. F. Austin addressed to the writer of this will vindicate the conduct of the Collector of the Custom House in the discharge of his duty as a Revenue Officer of the Govert of Mexico in Texas.

That the orders of the Govert of Mexico, in Carrying out the Revenue Laws of the Genl. Governt., were inexpedient, and out of time, to be put in force, in Texas no one can doubt; but at the same time the Officer of the Governt destined for this duty is not to be personally responsible for the Consequences growing out from the faithful discharge of his duty; as manifest in Spanish Document No. 1 herewith accompanied. -- which official Act of the said Collector was the seeds of discords sowed in Texas between the General Government of Mexico & the Colonists. - As it may be clearly inferred from the 4 Letters herewith accompanied addressed by the late Col. S. F. Austin from Matamoros 31st May 1833 to Sundry influential Gentlemen at Brazoria & San Felipe de Austin relative to the personal and official character of the collector of the Customs of Galveston. --

In the hopes of your acceptance of these Documents, as a Donation to the State and that they may prove acceptable to the future historian,

I am with great respect

Sir

Your Obedt Servt

Geo. Fisher.

FROM OTHER STATES ——————

SUGGESTED BASIC REFERENCE COLLECTION FOR A BRANCH LIBRARY.

Reprinted from Arkansas Libraries v. 8, series II, no. 8. From the article Organization and Operation of the Branch Library, by Hazel Deal.

Adult Encyclopedia -- The Britannica or the Americana	
Juvenile Encyclopedia - The World Book or Compton's	
Unabridged Dictionary	
World Almanac - latest edition	
Allsopp - Folklore of Romantic Arkansas, 2v. - Grolier	8.50
Benet - Reader's encyclopedia of world literature and the arts - Crowell	6.00
Bible - Any good complete translation	
Bullfinch - Bullfinch's mythology - Crowell	3.50
Comstock - Handbook of nature study - Comstock	4.00
Cruden - Complete concordance - Warne	1.00
Davis - The Arkansas - Farrar	3.00
Dictionary of national biography, 1 v. - Oxford	11.50
Dorland - American illustrated medical dictionary - Saunders	8.50
Douglas - American book of days - Wilson	6.00
Dyke - Automobile & gasoline engine encyclopedia - Goodheart	7.00
Evans - Costume book throughout the ages - Lippincott	4.00
Evans - How to make historic American Costumes - Barnes	5.00
Farmer - Boston Cooking School cook book - Little	3.00
Fletcher - Arkansas - University of N. C.	5.00
Frankel - Handbook of job facts - Science Research Associates	2.95
Gardner - Art through the ages - Harcourt	6.00
Goldstein - Art in everyday life - Macmillan	6.00
Harbin - Fun encyclopedia - Abingdon	3.00
Hegner - Parade of the animal kingdom - Macmillan	4.95
Hiscox - Henley's 20th century book of formulas - Henley	4.00
Kunitz - 20th century authors - Wilson	8.50
Langer - Encyclopedia of world history - Houghton	7.50
Manly - Drake's encyclopedia of radio & electronics - Drake	6.00
Miller - Encyclopedia of Bible life - Harper	4.95
Post - Emily Post's book of etiquette - Funk	5.00
Rayburn - Ozark country - Duell	3.00
Robert - Robert's rules of order - Scott	2.50
Rockwell - 10,000 garden questions answered - Doubleday	4.95
Schauffler - Days we celebrate, 4v. - Dodd	10.00
Scott - Scott's standard postage stamp catalog - Scott	7.00
Shankle - State names, flags, seals, etc. - Wilson	2.80
Smith - New dictionary of American politics - Barnes	3.25
Stevenson - Home book of modern verse - Holt	8.50
Stevenson - Home book of verse, 2v. - Holt	17.50
Taintor - Handbook of social correspondence - Macmillan	3.00
Taintor - Secretary's handbook - Macmillan	2.50

Thompson - International cyclopedia of music, etc. - Dodd	16.00
Van Doren - Anthology of world poetry - Harcourt	5.00
Webster - Webster's biographical dictionary - Merriam	8.50
Webster - Webster's geographical dictionary - Merriam	8.50
Writer's program - Arkansas state guide - Hastings	4.50

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DISTRICT VIII MEETING

The TLA District VIII Annual Meeting will be held January 16 in Austin at Townes Hall, the new Law School building of The University of Texas. The program will begin at 10 A. M., with registration set for 9 to 10, thus allowing members to informally tour the new Law Library. Miss Sallie Farrell, of the Louisiana State Library, will speak at the morning session.

George R. Rawley, Chairman, has announced that Mrs. John Morgan, President of the Dallas Friends of Libraries, will be the luncheon speaker.

District VIII includes these counties: Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Comal, Coryell, Edwards, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Llano, McCulloch, Mason, Medina, Menard, Mills, Real, San Saba, Travis, Uvalde, Val Verde, Williamson, Wilson.

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POSITIONS OPEN

Library:	Kanawha County Public Library, Charleston, West Va. Staff of 37.
Position:	Reference Librarian
Duties:	Assume responsibility for the entire reference service of the library. Manage the department, select materials, perform actual reference service, supervise work and professional development of one assistant.
Requirements:	Graduation from accredited library school; two years reference experience in a library of this size.
Salary:	First year, $3,000 base, plus $72 supervisory increment, plus $108 for every year of professional experience you now have up to 10 years, plus $72 for every year of experience from 11 to 13 years. Following years - starting salary plus annual increment.
Apply to:	Mark Crum, Kanawha County Public Library, Lee & Hale Streets, Charleston, West Virginia.

STATE LIBRARY NEWS

LOAN AND GENERAL REFERENCE DIVISION

Listed below are some of the reference books in the State Library containing contemporary biographical information from which typed copies of brief sketches and photostats of longer articles can be made.

Current biography; who's news and why.
A monthly publication with biographical sketches of the new names in the news which is cumulated in a yearly volume for permanent reference.

National cyclopaedia of American biography; Current volumes.
The current volumes of this cyclopedia include living persons only.

U. S. Congressional directory. (Semiannual)
The official directory published for the use of the United States Congress contains biographical sketches of the Senators and Representatives.

Who knows - and what, among authorities - experts - and the specially informed. 1st edition, 1949.
Brief biographical sketches of persons considered authorities in their fields.

Who's who; an annual biographical dictionary with which is incorporated "men and women of the time."
Mainly British but includes a few prominent names of other countries.

Who's who in America; a biographical dictionary of notable living men and women. (biennial).
The best known and most useful of current biographical works for information about prominent Americans.

Who's who in colored America; a biographical dictionary of notable living persons of African descent in America. (Published at irregular intervals.)

Who's who in the South and Southwest; a biographical dictionary of noteworthy men and women in the Southern and Southwestern states. 1950.

Who's who in the United Nations; the authoritative, illustrated, biographical dictionary of key persons associated with the United Nations. 1st ed. 1951.

Who's who in United States politics and American Political Almanac. 1st ed. 1950.
Names and records of men and women in Federal, state and local governments.

World biography; 4th ed. 1948.
Sketches of some 40,000 persons from over 60 countries.

ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the month of November this division received donations of material from the following persons and/or institutions:

Mrs. Dallas Scarborough, Abilene (Taylor County History).
Mr. Claude H. McCorkle, Sulphur Springs (Hopkins County History).
Mr. Abraham Kamber, New York (Newspaper clippings).
Mrs. Estelle Hudson, Austin (Scrapbook material).

Among the most important activities of this division this month was our participation in the Archives Workshop on November 20 and 21, preparation of the first of what is hoped will be a series of "Texas History Notes" for distribution to school children when requested, and the inventory of the library of the late Clarence R. Wharton made by Mr. Gibson and the archivist.

During the past month the Archives has been visited by 118 persons and has serviced approximately 270 queries, of which roughly 2 per cent were official state affairs, 43 per cent genealogical requests, 36 per cent academic research, 9 per cent business of the Archives, and 10 per cent were miscellaneous.

It might be of interest to note that the busiest day the division had was the Friday following Thanksgiving when we aided eleven visiting researchers and processed fifteen different queries.

During the month the staff of the Archives also continued its usual maintenance work of indexing, filing, and restoring the material in official custody.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DIVISION

During the past month much effort was given to the sorting of extra copies of legislative bills that had been sent from the House and Senate for the sessions of 1951 and 1953. In many instances these were duplicate originals of measures as introduced and they complement the regular legislative reference files of these bills as printed.

A great deal of effort was spent in rearranging material in the Texas Documents basement space, also.

The Division received recently several new sets of annotated statutes from other states. The new statutes were acquired by both purchase and exchange. This acquisition makes the file on statutes from other states an up to date reference which has been used a great deal recently by lawyers, state officials, research agencies and other people interested in legal research.

RECORDS DIVISION

During the past month the job of moving records from the temporary storage building to the new Records Building was completed. Also a great deal of material that had been temporarily stored in the aisles of the old Records Building during August was transferred to the new one, which is now about one-half full, although it was turned over to us less than three months ago.

EXTENSION DIVISION

Some Recent Extension Division Acquisitions

Battistini	Introducing Asia
Brody	Gone with the Windsors
Brown	Willa Cather, a critical biography
Burling	Chinese art
Call	The Mexican venture
Cowles	Winston Churchill, the era and the man
Daugherty	Ten brave women
Del Villar	Where strange roads go down
Diole	Undersea adventure
Dodge	The poor man's guide to Europe
Drummond	Styling corsages with garden flowers
Eggleston	Tahiti, voyage through paradise
Field	Patients are people
Foley	Song of the Arab
Garst	Ten gallon hat
Hymes	Effective home-school relations
Kearney	How to drive better and avoid accidents
Kenny	Ceramic sculpture, methods and processes
Kyrk	The family in the American economy
Lame	Killers in Africa
Lane	All about the sea
Lapolla	Italian cooking for the American kitchen
Leckey	How to build your own garage
Longstreth	Understanding the weather
Marriott	Hell on horses and women
Martin	Cowboy Charley, 4-H Champ
Meigs	A critical history of children's literature
Moran	Famous harbors of the world
Ostrow	Pastimes for two
Popular Mechanics	Home plumbing guide
Regan	Natural history
Rochford	Mothers on their own
Russell	The naked island
Schoor	Christy Mathewson
Stackpole	Sea-Hunters, the great age of whaling
Steinberg	Statesman's yearbook, 1953
Steinman	Famous bridges of the world
Teicher	Your child and his problems
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture	Plant diseases, the yearbook of agriculture, 1953
Wahl	Gun trader's guide
White	Famous subways and tunnels of the world
Wright	How to make aprons

PROCESSING DIVISION

Two Postindex Visible Files, with a capacity of 2600 cards apiece have been purchased for the purpose of setting up a central serials section in the library. Others will be added as needed. The new serials center will combine in one record many, ordering, binding, claiming, etc., that now exist as separate records.

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LIBRARIES OVER THE STATE

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New officers of the Bonham Library Board were elected at a meeting Friday morning as follows: President, Mrs. W. P. Kantz; vice president, Mrs. M. M. Campbell; secretary, Mrs. Udell Brown; treasurer, Mrs. B. P. Weaks; and corresponding secretary, Miss Allie Lipscomb. Mrs. Andrew Anderson was re-elected librarian. Mrs. Virginia Stocks is book chairman.

The Bonham Public Library is open each week day from 12:30 noon until 5:30 and library tickets are $1.00 for one year. The board suggests that a library ticket would make a nice gift for Christmas for either a grownup or a child.

On November 30th, Mr. Porterfield and Mr. Gibson visited the Hill County Library Board in the library. Later in the afternoon Mr. Gibson addressed the Monday Review Club on "The Role of the Book in Modern Society."

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CORRECTION

The October issue of Texas Libraries incorrectly listed Mrs. Evangel Horsfull as Librarian of McCulloch County Library. Mrs. Horsfull is Librarian of the McLennan County Library. Mr. H. L. Lackey is Librarian of the McCulloch County Library.

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Highway Information Dept. Roadways.
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NEW A L A PUBLICATION

The new year 1954 brings with it a gift for the extension librarian and those who are planning regional libraries. The long awaited County and Regional Library Development by Gretchen K. Schenk will be released by the American Library Association, Chicago, on January 2.

As most people laboring the extension vineyard know, Mrs. Schenk is an authority with a wide scope of grassroots experience in the work. Her book discusses the administration and operation of county and regional libraries, the basis for large unit libraries, their place in the community and their relation to local government. She tells how to conduct campaigns for the establishment of these library systems and points out dangers to avoid based on past experiences. The book contains excellent chapters on bookmobile and special services, personnel, and public relations. It has an appendix and a selected bibliography. The 288 page book is priced at $5.25.

SOME RECENT ACQUISITIONS

(Starred items not available for inter-library loan)

BIOGRAPHY AND GENEALOGY

Bolitho	Their majesties	1952
Ivins	Fifty famous farmers	1925
Moses	Grandma Moses, my life's history	1952
Trease	The seven queens of England	1953

EDUCATION

Elsbree	Elementary school administration and supervision	1951
Pyburn	Documentary history of education in Florida, 1822-1860	1951
Spitzer	The teaching of arithmetic	1948
Tead	Character building and higher education	1953
White	These will go to college	1952

LIBRARIANSHIP

American Library Association	Personnel administration for libraries	1953
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Philadelphia Biblio. Center & Union lib. cat.	Union list of microfilms...	1951

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Abrahamson	Body, mind, sugar	1951
Alexander	Treatment of mental disorder	1953
Bennett	That book about hospitals	1953

NATIONS AND PEOPLES

Marquand	Peoples and policies of South Africa	1952
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SCIENCE

Hopkins	Lectures on physical astronomy	1873
Jean	Man and his physical universe	1949
Rogers	Nature of metals	1951

TEXAS AND TEXANS

* Baytown League of Women Voters	Do you know Baytown?	1953
* Castleman	Sam Bass, the train robber	1944
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* Pioneer theatre of Texas	"Gran Quivira"	1938
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* Wade	The Dawson men of Fayette County	1932

UNITED STATES

Democratic party. Nat. Com. 1892-96	Campaign text book of the Dem. party for the presidential election of 1892	1892
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Lewis	Legislative committees in North Carolina	1952
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(Available for inter-library loan)

Agricultural Outlook Charts, 1954.
Contains charts and maps dealing with the economic situation of and trends affecting agriculture and farm people.

Direct Private Foreign Investments of the United States.
Includes extensive breakdowns of the income and capital movements by country and industry, and information on total assets, foreign participation, and foreign income taxes paid.

Occupational therapy as a career.
Furnishes job information on the important field of occupational therapy for young women of high school and college age.

Poultry Buying Guides for Consumers.
Discusses the official grading and inspection programs, styles of packaging and labeling, and gives tips to consumers for choosing style of processing.

Rescue Techniques and Operations.
This Civil Defense Technical Manual explains rescue techniques and operations, and describes the rescue squad's tools and equipment and gives instruction for their use. Also contains information on various types of building construction and the ways buildings collapse as a result of blasts.

Federal Contributions, Federal Civil Defense.
Designed to help the States and subdivisions to participate effectively in the contributions program. The manual gives general information applicable to the entire program, including overall program guidance, legal and policy limitations, and the procedures involved in requesting contributions, effecting procurement and settling accounts.

Pilots' Radio Handbook.
Explains in simple language the operation and use of air navagation equipment, including distance measuring equipment, the terminal omnirange and radar, as well as standard air-to-ground communications.

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A handy reference volume, bringing together in one publication all official statistical data on the status of civil aviation in the United States through 1952.

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Contains 16-place values of the natural logarithms of the numbers from 0 to 5 at intervals of 0.0001.

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Describes prewar plans and preparations, the isolation of the Philippines and the Japanese landing in WW II, the withdrawal of the American forces to Bataan, the siege of Bataan, and the siege and fall of Corregidor.

Postage Stamps of the United States 1847-1953.
An illustrated description of U. S. postage stamps issued by the Post Office Department from July 1, 1847, to June 30, 1953.

Pocket Guide to Korea.
Geography, resources, and history of Korea are given. The booklet also describes the people, their religion, customs, and language.

The decline of literature indicates the decline of a nation...

——— Goethe